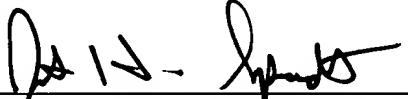


Remarks

Applicants have filed this supplemental amendment to pursue the above claims, which are directed to exemplary features of a prosthesis. Newly added claims 43-58 are substantially copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,576,009 which issued to Ryan et al. on June 10, 2003. A copy of the Ryan patent is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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